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OF A PLASTIDIAL ADP/ATP TRANSLOCATOR

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.487(d)

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Sir:

In a communication dated 12 September 2001 the USPTO advised that Applicants' Response to Notification of a Defective Response – Notification of a Defective Oath or Declaration filed on April 24, 2001 was dismissed as applicant failed to follow the proper procedure to correct inventorship. Applicant was advised to follow the procedure set forth under 37 CFR 1.497(d) and submit within 2 months of 12 September 2001: (1) a statement from each person being deleted as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent on his or her part; (2) an oath or declaration by the actual inventors; (3) the processing fee set forth in 1.17(i); and (4) if an assignment has been executed by any of the original inventors, the written consent of the assignee.

Applicant hereby submits the documents referenced in items (1) - (4) above and respectfully requests that the petition be reconsidered on the merits. Because 12 November

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2001 was a U.S. Federal Holiday and this is considered a national stage application, Applicant submit that these documents have been timely submitted.

If there are any questions still to be resolved on this matter, the appropriate U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) personnel are requested to contact Leonard Svensson at (714) 708-8555.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the 37 CFR §1.17 petition fee of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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